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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Operational ICBM Sites

1. It is recommended that you seek approval for an expanded use of the CHALICE system on a most urgent basis.

2. Identification of Soviet operational ICBM sites is the highest priority national intelligence objective. Identification of these sites while in process of construction may be the only time that they can be identified at all. The coming year is probably the time during which most of this construction will take place. The only way to get on with this identification and in time is systematic aerial photography [redacted]

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[redacted] Satellite photography will not achieve sufficient resolution during this time period to enable us to count on this as a substitute for aerial overflight.

3. A further elaboration of the case for expanded overflight is attached.

Attachment  
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